



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE REQUEST FOR FILING APPLICATION UNDER RULE 1.53(b)

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.53(b), please file a \boxtimes continuation/ \square divisional Atty Dkt.: 3764-96 of the pending prior PATENT APPLICATION of: C# Inventor: GUSTAFSSON et al Date: April 30, 2001 Serial No. 08/860,871 Group: 1613 Filed: 14 July 1997. Examiner: Oswecki, J. For: NEW AMINO ACID DERIVATIVES AND THEIR USE AS THROMBIN INHIBITORS Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231 Sir: This request for filing under Rule 53(b) is made by the following named inventor(s) (using the above-identified title): Inventor(s): GUSTAFSSON et al Attached is a true copy of the prior application as originally filed including the specification, claims, Oath/Declaration and drawings (if any) and abstract (if any). No amendments (if any) referenced in the Oath or Declaration filed to complete the prior application introduced new matter. Priority is hereby claimed under 35 USC 119 based on the following foreign applications, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application: **Application Number** Country Day/Month/Year/Filed 9602263-7 7 June 1996 Sweden PCT/SE97/00989 5 June 1997 certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) attached or already filed on ______in prior appln. no. filed already filed in filed Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line: -- This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. , filed , the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--The prior application is assigned to AstraZeneca AB. Power of Attorney has been granted to Leonard C. Mitchard et al, Reg. No. 29,009 of Nixon & Vanderhye P.C., 1100 N. Glebe Rd., 8th Floor, Arlington, VA 22201. 🔯 Address all future communications to: Nixon & Vanderhye P.C., 1100 N. Glebe Rd., 8th Floor, Arlington, VA 22201. Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line --This is a continuation of application Serial No. 08/860,871, filed July 14, 1997, allowed, which is a continuation of PCT/SE97/00989, filed June 5, 1997, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application .--This application is entitled to "Small entity" status. "Small entity" statement attached. Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure co-pendency. \square The Examiner's attention is directed to the prior art cited in the parent application by applicant and/or Examiner for the reasons stated therein. Please enter the attached and/or below preliminary amendment **prior** to calculation of filing fee: The entire disclosure of the prior application above-referenced is considered as being part of the disclosure of this new application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein. Also attached: Information Disclosure Statement ; Non-Publication Request; Other:

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